Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-73 (Cancelled)

74.   (Currently Amended) Apparatus for controlling a function provided at least in part by way of a portable electronic device, the apparatus comprising:

a portable device comprising:

~~means~~ a microphone for obtaining speech data; ~~by receiving and~~

digitizing ~~a spoken command the command comprising a request to generate an event at the portable device~~ the speech data;

~~means~~ a first transceiver for transferring the speech data to a computer system; and

~~means~~ a speaker for providing an audible signal on the occurrence of a trigger specified by control data; and,

a computer system comprising:

~~means~~ a data store for performing speech recognition on the speech data and extracting a spoken command;

means for identifying at least a desired trigger for an event based upon a result of the speech recognition;

means for generating control data corresponding to the desired trigger; and,

~~means~~ a second transceiver for transferring the control data from the computer system to the portable device.

75.   (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 74 wherein the ~~means for transferring the speech data to the computer system and the~~

~~means for transferring the control data to the portable device~~ first and second transceiver comprise a wireless communication channel.

76. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 74 wherein the portable device comprises a clock and a means for comparing a current time to a time specified by the control data.

77. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 74 wherein the computer system comprises a speech synthesizer.

78. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 77 wherein the speech synthesizer comprises a plurality of synthesized voices and the computer system comprises a means for selecting one of the plurality of synthesized voices based upon a result of the speech recognition.

79. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 74 wherein the computer system comprises means for identifying one of a plurality of functions based upon an output of the means for speech recognition.

80. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 78 wherein the computer system comprises means for identifying one of a plurality of functions based upon an output of the means for speech recognition and means for selecting one of the plurality of voices based upon the identified function.

81. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 79 wherein the computer system comprises a calendar facility.

82. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 74 wherein the portable device comprises means for automatically detecting one or more other devices that are proximate to the portable device and means for associating a list of the one or more other devices with the speech data.

83. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 82 wherein the computer system comprises:

a database comprising records of one or more events associated with speech data and corresponding lists of other devices; and,

means for searching the database for records at least in part according to the corresponding lists of other devices.

84.   (Original) Apparatus according to claim 83 comprising a plurality of other devices each having a fixed location.

85.   (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 74 wherein the computer system comprises:

means for identifying one of a plurality of functions based upon a output from the means for speech recognition; and,

means for parsing the output of the means for speech recognition according to a rule selected on the basis of the identified function.

86.   (Original) Apparatus according to claim 85 wherein the means for identifying the one of the plurality of functions comprises means for recognizing a keyword in the speech data.

87.   (Original) Apparatus according to claim 86 wherein the means for recognizing a keyword comprises means for identifying a keyword occurring at a beginning of the speech data.

Claims 88-101   (Cancelled)